White paper

Fisheye Viewable Range

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1. Overview and background

The importance of security and safety based on the monitoring of workplace and public spaces is increasing daily. Though it is difficult, more and more users want to monitor a wide area with a few cameras. For this reason, Hanwha Techwin provides the fisheye camera that boasts of better performance than rival companies' products.

Image 1. Comparison of monitoring area between fisheye and normal camera

The fisheye camera can provide 360-degree wide-angle recording, 4 times larger than the view angle of a normal camera (horizontal 110°, vertical 60°).

It means that 1 fisheye camera can cover an area requiring 4 normal cameras. Therefore, the user can minimize the cost of buying and maintaining many cameras.
2. Description of technology

2.1. Effective monitoring area

Monitoring distance differs by the performance (resolution) of camera. For example, a camera for special-purpose such as facial recognition or license plate detection requires a certain level of resolution. Such distance is called "effective monitoring distance"; in case of the fisheye camera, it is called "effective monitoring area" by converting distance into area.

Image 2. Example of calculation of effective monitoring distance of normal camera

Image 3. Example of calculation of effective monitoring area of fisheye PNF-9010
2.2. CMOS resolution

A normal video monitoring camera has an image sensor such as CMOS, and it determines the camera's resolution. A camera with higher resolution provides higher effective monitoring distance but is more expensive. For a wide choice, our product lineup supports various resolutions.

2.3. Object recognition level

Object recognition level is classified by the pixels required to express the actual 1-meter area. The unit is PPM (Pixel per meter), and it is classified as follows:

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<th>Recognition level by PPM</th>
<th>Monitoring area</th>
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<tr>
<td>66 PPM</td>
<td>Can recognize shape, color, approximate size, and gender</td>
<td>Basic video monitoring</td>
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<td>133 PPM</td>
<td>Can detect human face and license plate by a video analysis module</td>
<td>Can detect an object</td>
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<td>197 PPM</td>
<td>Can recognize the traits of face and letters of license plate</td>
<td>Can recognize an object</td>
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<td>262 PPM</td>
<td>Can conduct detailed analysis with clear images</td>
<td>Can recognize details</td>
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<td>533 PPM</td>
<td>Can recognize human face through the facial recognition algorithm</td>
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Table 1. Monitoring area by PPM level

Image 4. Example of image by PPM level

(262 PPM) (197 PPM) (133 PPM) (66 PPM)
3. Installation example

The fisheye camera has a wider monitoring area than normal cameras, so it is important to select an installation location considering the monitoring area and resolution. For better understanding, refer to the following example of installation considering the given situation or monitoring conditions.

3.1. Installation example

This is a Hanwha Techwin's office in Europe, which monitors a wide area of office effectively with excellent video quality using only one PNF-9010.

Image 5. 360° + 3 rectangle view mode

Image 6. Double panorama view mode
4. Conclusion

Components related to the environment and installation condition of video monitoring camera are critical to maximize the device performance. For this reason, we provide the Wisenet Toolbox PLUS to improve installation convenience and use the fisheye camera under optimum conditions.

Customers and companies who use a video monitoring camera may utilize our Wisenet Toolbox PLUS as an installation guide to identify the optimum installation conditions and select a camera model conveniently.